

Remarks

Claims 1-13 and 16-23 were pending in this application. Claim 1 has been canceled, and claim 2 has been amended as an independent claim. Claims 6, 8, 10, 12-13 and 22 have been amended to depend from claim 2. Claim 16 has been amended to recite that the dextrin polymer is modified by succinoylation by at least 30mol% (in place of 20mol%). No new matter is added.

As requested by the Examiner, an Abstract on a separate page has been provided, the header "BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS" has been added, and TABLE 2 has been moved from page 14 to page 11.

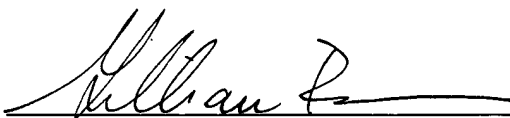
No new matter is introduced by these amendments. After entry of this amendment **Claims 2-13 and 16-23 are pending in this application.**

In conclusion, it is respectfully submitted that the specification and present claims are in condition for allowance. If it may further allowance of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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